
Debs Sentenced to 10 Years Jail on Three Counts:

**Socialist is Allowed Bail Pending Hearing on Appeal Only
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(CLEVELAND) — Eugene V. Debs, convicted here Thursday [Sept. 12, 1918] for making alleged disloyal public utterances, was sentenced Saturday [Sept. 14] to the penitentiary for 10 years on each of the three counts.

The sentences are concurrent.

Debs is to serve his time at Moundsville, W.Va.

He was allowed bail pending a hearing of his appeal only on condition that he return to his home at Terre Haute, Ind., and remain there until his case is finally passed upon.

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(CLEVELAND) — Eugene V. Debs, on the eve of being sentenced in the United States District Court here, spent Friday the 13th at the home of Mrs. Marguerite Prevey at Akron.

Mrs. Prevey is one of Debs' bondsmen.

The veteran champion of the working class passed the day in peace and quiet. Despite that his trial, which lasted four days, was in a measure a physical strain on him, Debs is in fine spirits and feels, as he expressed it a few hours after the verdict, "This is the time for Socialists everywhere to take off their coats and get to work for the great

victory that lies just ahead."

William A. Cunnea, Chicago, Socialist counsel for Debs, and Morris H. Wolf, Socialist attorney, motored to Akron to discuss further legal proceedings with Debs. As the auto drove to the door of the Prevey home, Debs came to the curb and in fond embrace escorted his attorneys into the house. The scene that followed might have been the celebration of a Socialist victory at the polls after a hard campaign.

No Sad Words.

There were no sad words nor melancholy thoughts. Debs planned to motor to Cleveland Saturday with Mrs. Prevey in time to be in Judge Westenhaver's court when the curtain will rise on another act in the great trial.

Before sentence is passed, Seymour Stedman, Chicago, chief of counsel for Debs, will ask the court to grant a new trial on the ground that incompetent evidence had been introduced and also on the ground of a faulty indictment. It is not unlikely that the defense counsel's appeal will be denied. On the three counts on which Debs was convicted there is a maximum penalty of 20 years and \$10,000 fine for each count.

Recall Debs' Words.

In this connection, the words of Debs before the jury are recalled:

“I would not retract one word, I would not deny anything that I said in my speech at Canton to escape the penitentiary. If it be a crime punishable under the laws of the United States for me to exercise my constitutional right of free speech in time of war as well as in peace, then I am willing to be clothed in the stripes of a convict and spend the rest of my days in a cell.”

That was Debs' word to the jury. It may be his word to the court. It has been suggested that, after sentence is passed, Judge Westenhaver may require an additional bond for Debs pending an appeal to the higher courts of the United States.

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